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Mongolia, Aug. 10.
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MAYORS OF MAINLAND CITIES WRITE TO HONOLULU ON COMMISSION PLAN

The Star-Bulletin Presents to Readers Results of Inquiry as to Experiences of Many Municipalities With "Short Ballot," City Manager and other Progressive Ideas—Investigation Made Because of Approaching Charter Convention—Mayor Albee of Portland Today Tells of Big Oregon City's Operation

The Star-Bulletin begins today the publication of a series of letters from mainland mayors and other city officials dealing with the "short-ballot" or commission form of government, the city manager plan and other progressive civic ideas. These letters are the result of inquiries which this paper directed several weeks ago to leading city officials in municipalities where the "short-ballot" government has been tried; also in some cases where it has not been tried and the old systems still prevail.

The inquiry was prompted by the approach of the city charter convention authorized by the last legislature. This convention meets next month and is authorized to make a radical revision of the city's charter. The result of the convention's deliberations will be referred to the next legislature in the form of an act amending the charter, and may be adopted by the legislature and thus put in force for Honolulu.

In the belief that Honolulu may learn much of interest from the experiences of other American cities, the Star-Bulletin undertook to secure first-hand information from men in a position to know and whose comments will be illuminating.

The editor of the Star-Bulletin directed the following letter to the mayor or city manager of a number of cities which have adopted modern charters:

"Dear Sir:
Honolulu is planning to revise its city charter, with a strong movement in favor of the 'short-ballot' or commission form of city government. Knowing that your city is interested in progressive municipal methods, I take the liberty of asking you if you could briefly suggest to me, to be given publicly among our people here, some of the features which seem to you most desirable, together with the experience of your city in modern charter provisions.

"May I ask for your attitude toward the following:
"Initiative and referendum.
"Recall.
"City manager plan.
"Short-ballot or commission plan.

"I should greatly appreciate suggestions based on your city's experience or the experience of other municipalities to which you can refer. Particularly am I anxious to learn what effect commission government or the city manager plan is having in the matter of 'overhead charges' for running the city and in all-around efficiency of administration.
"We should appreciate also a copy of your present city charter and any literature bearing on the subject that is available. Honolulu is striving toward a representative and efficient American city government and suggestions from those who can speak with authority will be of very direct value in helping us solve an important problem.

In answer to this extremely interesting reply are coming in. Today the Star-Bulletin publishes the answer of Mayor H. R. Albee of Portland, Ore., a city which has given the commission plan a thorough trial. Portland's experience is interesting because the city has a number of problems similar to Honolulu's. Furthermore, Portland is close to the 200,000 class in population. An objection has been made that the commission plan is unworkable in large cities, but Dayton, O., and Portland are disproving this.

Mayor Albee writes:
"July 30, 1915.
"Honolulu Star-Bulletin, Honolulu, Hawaii.
"Dear Sir:
"I am in receipt of your letter of the 18th inst., with its inquiry as to the success of commission government in this city, with special attention to the features of the initiative and referendum, recall and the city manager plan.

"Replying thereto I am taking the liberty of enclosing a copy of a letter written in answer to a similar inquiry and believe it will give you as much information as anything I could say at this time. As to the city manager plan of government, I am not in position to give advice or information regarding it, since such a plan has never been tried in this city. I believe Dayton, O., is the largest city in this country now using the city manager plan.

"Trusting this information may be of use to you, I am,
"Yours very truly,
"H. R. ALBEE,
"Mayor."

Mayor Albee's enclosed statement is as follows:
Dear Sir: I take great pleasure in complying with your request for information concerning the operation of commission government in Portland. Before taking up numerically the questions which you submit, please permit me to say that I regard commission government as a great forward step in the realization of the ambition of American municipalities for better government. While it is true, as I have always held, that the officials who administer have much to do with

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ACHI PROPOSES 'SHORT BALLOT' CHARTER DRAFT

Delegate to Coming Convention Submits Ideas for Radical Revision

WOULD ELECT MAYOR AND FOUR SUPERVISORS

Auditor Would Also Be Elective—Other Officials and Employees Appointive

A complete draft of a new city charter, prepared by W. C. Achi, will be ready for consideration when the charter revision convention meets next month.

Achi's plan, on which, as published several weeks ago, John H. Wise has also been working and with which he agrees in principle, calls for the "short-ballot" system. The mayor, four supervisors and the auditor are the only elected officers. Each member of the board of supervisors heads a specific department. The mayor heads the department of public affairs, and the other departments are: Accounts and finances, law and order, public works, health and schools.

The mayor is to receive \$3600 a year, the supervisors and auditor \$3000 each.

Achi's draft is in the form of an amendment to the territorial act which is the present city and county charter. It is well understood that the coming convention cannot finally create a new charter but must refer the results of its work to the 1917 legislature. Achi's charter draft is as follows:

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the Territory of Hawaii.
Section 1. Section 1638 of the Revised Laws of Hawaii is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

"Section 1638. The Board of Supervisors shall consist of a Mayor and four members. Each of whom must be at the time of his election an elector of said City and County, and must have been such for at least two years next preceding his election."

"Section 1639. Section 1638 of the Revised Laws of Hawaii is hereby amended so as to read as follows:
"Section 1639. All ordinances and resolutions shall be deposited with the Auditor of the City and County, who shall record the same in full in a suitable book."

Section 3. Section 1654 of the Revised Laws of Hawaii is hereby amended so as to read as follows:
"Section 1654. The Auditor of the City and County shall be an elector of said City and County, and shall have been such for at least two years next preceding his election."

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WINTER INSISTS OPIUM CHARGE IS RESULT OF SPITE

Declares Federal Official at Coast Tried to Induce Him to Be "Stool Pigeon"

LATER HE MADE THREAT HE'D SURELY "GET" HIM

Officer Swore He Would Spend \$1000 From Own Pocket to 'Land' Man Under Arrest

"I am no stool pigeon, and therefore not of very much use to the government, I guess. Probably that is why I am in Honolulu today."

E. P. Winter, former quartermaster of the steamer Siberia, made the foregoing statement this morning when asked if he had anything to say for publication. In company with James W. Jensen, office deputy U. S. marshal of San Francisco, he arrived in the steamer Sonoma today to answer charges of having smuggled into this city opium valued at about \$2000.

Winter claims that he is not an opium smuggler, and also that he is not that sort of a man who will "peach" on his friends, even if he is in a tight fix himself. His recent arrest in San Francisco for opium smuggling, he claims, is spite work on the part of a certain government official.

"When the Siberia got into Honolulu the latter part of June I left the ship because of certain trouble with the crew. A few days later I took a steamer for San Francisco. It was after I arrived there that I learned some opium was smuggled ashore at Honolulu from the Siberia," said Winter.

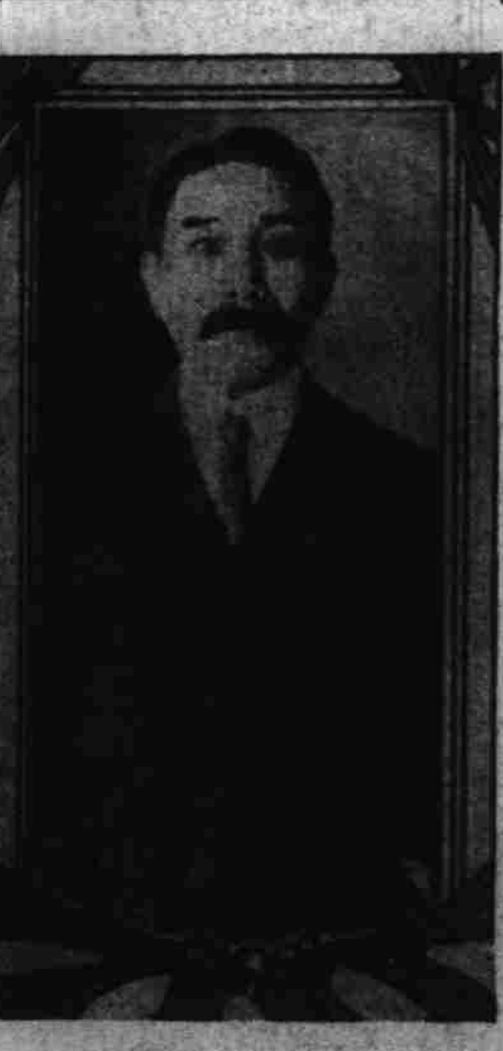
"Shortly after I was told that a certain federal official wanted to see me in his office. This official and I had had some trouble before. He didn't like me very well, I guess. About a year ago he tried to have me turn stool pigeon and I refused."

"Well, I went to this official's office and he said to me, 'You are the job at Honolulu. I told him that I didn't know. If I had known I would not have told him. Then he said that he was going to get me for the job, and I told him to go ahead. I was arrested all right. I was due to get to Honolulu on the 27th of this month, but I pushed the thing and consequently I am here ahead of you.'"

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BRITISH WIN TRENCHES FROM GERMANS IN FLANDERS FIGHT

RUMOR HE DECLINES JAPANESE PORTFOLIO



Viscount Suteki Chinda, ambassador at Washington.

JAPAN'S CABINET SLOWLY FORMING

Premier Okuma Finds it Difficult to Replace Kato, of Foreign Office

(Associated Press by Federal Wireles)
TOKIO, Japan, August 9.—The reconstructed cabinet will be installed tomorrow. The newspapers declare that it has been found very difficult to replace Baron Kato, minister of foreign affairs, who steadfastly refused to reconsider his resignation. It is reported that Ambassador Motono, now at Petrograd; Inouye, at London, and Chinda, at Washington, have all declined the foreign portfolio.

(Special cable to Nippon Jiji)
TOKIO, Japan, Aug. 9.—Reorganization of the cabinet as perfected here today places Count Okuma as premier and temporary minister of foreign affairs. The other members of the cabinet are as follows: Minister of commerce and agriculture, H. Kono; minister of interior, K. Ichiki; minister of finance, T. Taketomi; minister of education, S. Takata; minister of communications, K. Minoura; minister of justice, Y. Ozaki; minister of war, Lieut. Gen. I. Oka; minister of the navy, Lieut. Admiral T. Kato. Count Okuma will serve as minister of foreign affairs only until a permanent appointment can be made. Ministers Kono, Ozaki and Oka served on the previous cabinet.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 9.—Admiral Caperton, who has been sent to preserve order during the Hayti revolutions, has taken charge of the customs office at Cape Haitien. The revolutionary leader, Dr. Rosalyo Bobo, has resigned, dismissed his cabinet and ordered all his generals to deposit their arms with the Americans in charge.

CAPE HAITIEN, Hayti, Aug. 9.—Gen. Cacos, a revolutionist, has refused the demand of the American consul to disarm.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Aug. 9.—The 1st regiment of marines has embarked on the cruiser Tennessee with three months' provisions, and will go to Haiti to preserve order.

NOTED SHRINER VETERAN DIES

ROCHESTER, N. Y., August 9.—C. F. Loder, imperial potentate emeritus of the Shriners, died here today.

SUGAR.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 9.—Sugar: 96 degrees test, 4.58 cents. Previous quotation, 4.39 cents.

An order has been issued by Circuit Judge Stuart discharging Attorney J. G. Pratt as receiver for the Japanese Bank.

RUSSIAN ARMY IN IMMINENT DANGER OF BEING DIVIDED

TURK BATTLESHIP IS SUNK

SUBMARINE TORPEDOES KEYREDDIN BARBAROSSA, MAJORITY ABOARD ESCAPING—FRENCH OFFENSIVE IN ARGONNES STOPPED—ITALIANS CAPTURE CADORE AND MENACE TRIESTE—RUMOR OF GERMAN RUSSIAN PEACE OVERTURES ARE DENIED IN COURT CIRCLES TODAY

(Associated Press Service by Federal Wireles)
LONDON, England, Aug. 9.—Official—In the face of furious resistance the British forces in Flanders have made a marked advance at Hooze. Here a number of trenches were retaken, the British advancing along 1200 yards' front.

BERLIN, Germany, Aug. 9.—Official—The German forces have occupied Praga, a suburb of Warsaw.

From the north Gen. von Hindenburg's army, which has been operating in Courland, is approaching the fortress of Kovno. The strong fortress of Novogeorgievsk is in danger, as the Russian line has been cut east of it, between the Narew and Vistula rivers. Numerous prisoners have been taken by the Germans.

Ivangorod Still Held by Russians But in Danger of Dividing Forces

VIENNA, Austria, Aug. 9.—The Russians have been defeated in fighting at Lubartov and Mieschow. Unless the garrison holding Ivangorod retreats to protect the lines which are being driven back, there is danger that it will be cut off entirely and the Russian forces divided.

Turkish Battleship, Formerly German, Sunk by Submarine; Majority Saved

CONSTANTINOPLE, Turkey, Aug. 9.—Official—The Turkish battleship Kheyreddin (Haireddin) Barbarossa, formerly the German battleship Kurfurst Friedrich Wilhelm, has been sunk by submarines. The majority of the crew have been saved.

This battleship was of 10,060 tons displacement, with a speed of 17 knots. She dated from 1891 but was rebuilt in 1900 and purchased by the Turkish government in 1910.

COPENHAGEN, Denmark, Aug. 9.—The Germans have sunk by submarine the Swedish steamer Mai. The captain and nine of the crew are missing.

Germans Say French Move Checked

BERLIN, Germany, Aug. 9.—Official—The French offensive movement in the Argonne district has been checked, the French suffering heavy losses when repulsed by the Germans.

German-Russian Peace Plan Denied

COPENHAGEN, Denmark, Aug. 9.—Court circles unqualifiedly deny any knowledge of the reported German-Russian peace overtures. For several days past there have been rumors that a peace movement is on foot.

Italians Capture Town of Cadore

ROME, Italy, Aug. 9.—The Italians have captured the Austrian border stronghold of Cadore.

Mexican Outlaws Commit Further Outrages; Carranza is Obdurate

BROWNSVILLE, Texas, August 9.—Further shooting of American citizens in bandit fighting around or near the border is reported today. Five Americans, including three soldiers, have been wounded and five Mexicans, one of them a woman, killed at Norias. Fifteen Americans resisted a gang of 60 bandits for an hour. Their ammunition was exhausted and they were on the point of capture when 17 rangers from across the border arrived with timely succor.

WASHINGTON, D. C., August 9.—It is announced by Carranza officials that the Brazilian minister to Mexico has been withdrawn by his government because Carranza had prepared to expel him as he did the Guatemalan minister. It is believed Carranza's summary action is the result of the participation of Brazil and Guatemala in the Pan-American conference suggested by the United States to end the Mexican chaos. Carranza's attitude has dashed the hopes that he will agree to any peace plan the conference suggests.

EL PASO, Tex., Aug. 9.—Gen. Scott, chief of staff, has arrived here for a conference with Villa.

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WATCH FORMER HAUNTS OF ESCAPED PRISONER
At a late hour this afternoon no definite clues had been secured by the police as to the whereabouts of Yee Yo Keuk, the Korean "bad man" who escaped from the city jail Thursday noon by scaling the wall. Searching parties are still watching his former haunts.

GOETHALS TO RESIGN AS CANAL GOVERNOR TO KEEP ARMY OFFICE
NEW YORK, N. Y., Aug. 9.—Gen. G. W. Goethals, arriving here today, announced that he will resign as governor of the Canal Zone in September but he will retain his army position.

HAWAIIAN WOMEN CHASE FUGITIVE UP TO OFFICER

General Prisoner Nelson, Refugee From Ruger, Will Be Sent Back to Fort

General Prisoner Nelson, who escaped from the guard house at Fort Ruger Thursday, was caught by Mounted Patrolman Joseph near the Thomas Pineapple Cannery in Kalihi this afternoon after two Hawaiian women, who are said to have recognized him, had chased the fugitive to where Joseph was hunting for stray dogs.

On seeing Nelson with the two women in pursuit, Joseph drew his revolver and commanded the prisoner to halt. Nelson was then taken to the city jail and will be turned over to the Fort Ruger Commandant later in the day. J. E. Payne, who "broke brig" at the same time Nelson did, was found walking towards Diamond Head Saturday night by Officers Sizemore and Markham. Payne told the officers that he was then on his way to Fort Ruger to give himself up.

MISSIONARY AND EDUCATOR DEAD

(Associated Press by Fed. Wireles.)
HARTFORD, Conn., August 9.—Dr. P. D. Bergin, former president of the Christian College at Shantung, China, and a noted missionary educator, died at his home here today.

BASEBALL RESULTS

NATIONAL LEAGUE.
At St. Louis—Boston 6, St. Louis 2.
At Cincinnati—Cincinnati 5, Philadelphia 4 (12 innings).
At Chicago—Brooklyn 13, Chicago 0.
At Pittsburgh—New York game; rain.
AMERICAN LEAGUE.
At Boston—Boston 2, St. Louis 0.
At Philadelphia—Chicago 8, Philadelphia 4.
At New York—New York 1, Cleveland 1 (called in fifth; rain).
At Washington—Detroit 5, Washington 3 (13 innings).

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